

**IN THE TITLE**

Please replace the present title with the following:

~~CORE~~-SYNCHRONIZATION MODULE

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Following the title, please add the following paragraph:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional of, and claims a benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 from U.S. Serial No. 09/989,315, filed November 20, 2001 the entire contents of which are hereby expressly incorporated by reference for all purposes.